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**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB**  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PANCHAYAT  
(IRDP Branch)

**NOTIFICATION**

The 13th February, 2023

**No. Steno/CPF/2005/1795.**—In view of the winding up of District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Administration Scheme by the Government of India vide their letter no. R 20015/2/2020-DRDA (Comp. no. 372742), dated 01-11-2021, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to absorb 64 employees of 22 District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in Zila Parishads/Panchayat Samitis as follows :-

1. Due to non-availability of 20 posts, as mentioned in table below, these are created as Dying-Cadre :

Sr. No.	Name of Zila Parishad	Designation	Number of posts
1	Zila Parishad Patiala	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
		Investigator	01
2	Zila Parishad Ludhiana	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
		Superintendent Grade-2	01
3	Zila Parishad Sangrur	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
4	Zila Parishad Moga	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
5	Zila Parishad Roopnagar	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
6	Zila Parishad Ferozepur	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
7	Zila Parishad Mansa	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
8	Zila Parishad Shri Muktsar Sahib	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
9	Zila Parishad Bathinda	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
		Superintendent Grade-2	01
10	Zila Parishad Kapurthala	Assistant Project Officer (M)	01
11	Zila Parishad Barnala	Investigator	01
12	Zila Parishad Malerkotla	Superintendent Grade-2	01
13	Zila Parishad Amritsar	Superintendent Grade-2	01
		Investigator	01
14	Zila Parishad Gurdaspur	Superintendent Grade-2	01
15	Zila Parishad Hoshiarpur	Superintendent Grade-2	01
16	Zila Parishad Jalandhar	Superintendent Grade-2	01
		Total	20

It is further added that the aforesaid 20 posts are created with the condition that after the retirement of the officers/employees to be absorbed on these posts will deemed to be terminated/these posts will be co-terminus and no recruitment / promotion will be given / done by the Administrative Department on these posts.

2. District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) will stand dissolved after absorption of 44 employees of 22 District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of the State on the equivalent vacant posts of the Department (to be filled by Direct Recruitment) in Zila Parishads/Panchayat Samitis. And, these 44 posts shall be treated as revived, if the same are lying vacant more than one year.
3. Movable & immovable assets of 22 District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of Punjab State will be handed over to the respective Zila Parishads.
4. Assets / Liabilities of the 22 District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) of Punjab State will be transferred to their respective Zila Parishads.
5. In regard to the retirement benefits to absorbed employees of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in Zila Parishads ;
  - (i) Accepting new appointment, counting past service only for giving retirement benefits ;
  - (ii) No past service towards seniority will be given to the absorbed employees of the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) in Zila Parishads/Panchayat Samitis. An affidavit/undertaking to this effect from the concerned absorbed employee shall be obtained. The seniority will be fixed below the previously appointed / posted in the cadre posts ;
  - (iii) The rules / provisions of the New Defined Contribution Pension and Contributory Provident Fund under this scheme will apply to the absorbed employees/staff and these benefits will be provided to them ;
  - (iv) The benefit of old pension scheme will not be available ;
  - (v) Absorbed employees will be given retirement benefits considering their previous service when the rules of New Defined Contribution Pension Scheme are implemented ; and
  - (vi) Since Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) works on deputation in District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and after the dissolution of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs), the salary of the officers posted on the post of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development)-cum-Chief Executive Officer in Zila Parishads will be drawn from the funds of Zila Parishads against the post of Chief Executive Officer, Zila Parishad.
6. Any issue involved shall be decided in view of the rules/instructions of the Department of Finance and the Department of Personnel and on the advice of the SAS Cadre officer of the Department.
7. These orders shall come into force with immediate effect superseding any earlier orders related to this issue.
8. These orders are issued in compliance of the approval of the Council of Ministers in the meeting dated 06-01-2023 conveyed by the Cabinet Affairs Branch, Department of General Administration vide letter no. 01/08/2023-1/Cabinet/218 dated the 06-01-2023.

SAS Nagar  
The 3rd February, 2023

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